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To authorize the minting of a coin in honor of the Centennial of Boys
Town, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 28, 2012

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Boys Town Centennial
5 Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) Boys Town is a nonprofit organization dedi-
9 cated to saving children and healing families, nation-

1 ally headquartered in the village of Boys Town, Ne-
2 braska;

3 (2) Father Flanagan's Boys Home, known as
4 "Boys Town", was founded on December 12, 1917,
5 by Servant of God Father Edward Flanagan;

6 (3) Boys Town was created to serve children of
7 all races and religions;

8 (4) news of Father Flanagan's work spread
9 worldwide with the success of the 1938 movie, "Boys
10 Town";

11 (5) after World War II, President Truman
12 asked Father Flanagan to take his message to the
13 world, and he traveled the globe visiting war orphans
14 and advising government leaders on how to care for
15 displaced children;

16 (6) Boys Town has grown exponentially, and
17 now provides care to children and families across the
18 country in 11 regions, including California, Nevada,
19 Texas, Nebraska, Iowa, Louisiana, North Florida,
20 Central Florida, South Florida, Washington, DC,
21 New York, and New England;

22 (7) the Boys Town National Hotline provides
23 counseling to more than 150,000 callers each year;

1 (8) the Boys Town National Research Hospital
2 is a national leader in the field of hearing care and
3 research into Usher Syndrome;

4 (9) each year, Boys Town programs impact the
5 lives of more than 2,000,000 children and families
6 across America; and

7 (10) December 12th, 2017, will mark the 100th
8 Anniversary of Boys Town, Nebraska.

9 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

10 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
11 ury (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint
12 and issue not more than 350,000 \$1 coins in commemora-
13 tion of the centennial of the founding of Father
14 Flanagan’s Boys Town, each of which shall—

15 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

16 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

17 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
18 copper.

19 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
20 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
21 title 31, United States Code.

22 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
23 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
24 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
25 matic items.

1 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted
3 under this Act shall be emblematic of the 100 years of
4 one of the largest nonprofit child care agencies in the
5 United States, Boys Town.

6 (b) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin
7 minted under this Act, there shall be—

8 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;

9 (2) an inscription of the year “2017”; and

10 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
11 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and
12 “E Pluribus Unum”.

13 (c) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
14 under this Act shall be—

15 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation
16 with the Executive Director of Boys Town and the
17 Commission of Fine Arts; and

18 (2) reviewed by the Citizens of Coinage Advi-
19 sory Committee.

20 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

21 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
22 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

23 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United
24 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
25 of the coins minted under this Act.

1 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
2 issue coins under this Act only during the period begin-
3 ning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31,
4 2018.

5 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

6 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
7 shall be sold by Secretary at a price equal to the sum of—

8 (1) the face value of the coins;

9 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7 with re-
10 spect to such coins; and

11 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
12 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
13 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

14 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
15 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
16 discount.

17 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
19 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
20 before the issuance of such coins.

21 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
22 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
23 sonable discount.

1 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
3 Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

4 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
5 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
6 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
7 shall be paid to Boys Town, which funds will be made
8 available to promote and provide for the cause of Boys
9 Town, to care and assist children and families in under-
10 served communities across America.

11 (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United
12 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,
13 documents, and other data of Father Flanagan’s Boys
14 Town as may be related to the expenditures of amounts
15 paid under subsection (b).

16 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
17 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
18 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
19 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
20 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
21 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
22 commemorative coin programs issuance limitation under
23 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
24 effect on the date of enactment of this Act). The Secretary
25 may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

